(e) what action has been taken against those who examined the recommendations of exclusion of these drugs from price control;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry received a number of representations for inclusion of these drugs in the price control list; and

(g) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (g) Government has recently put 21 bulk drugs including the following three bulk drugs under Category-II of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

Amitriptyline Hcl.

Chlorpromazine

Trifluoperazine Hcl.

Government has also constituted a Standing Committee to consider all the matters connected with the review of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and the representations made on various policy issues concerning Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 including inclusion/exclusion of drugs in the Scheduled Categories.

Prices of pesticides, insecticides and weedicides

676. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

a) what were the prices of each of the bulk Pesticides, Insecticides and Weedicides before the grant of import duty concession on the intermediates imported for their production ;

(b) what are the names of the producers of each and what was the consumption co-efficient per unit of production ;

(c) whether his Ministry reduced the prices of these after duty concession;

(d) if so, what was the reduced price of each; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (e) The prices of Pesticides, Insecticides and Weedicides are neither fixed nor monitored by the Government.

Wrong identification of drugs

677. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Streptomycin had gone down;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is monitoring the production of this drug;

(c) if so, what are the names of the producers and the quantum of production of this drug during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that producers have threatened to stop production of this drug due to discrimination by his Ministry in respect of identification of categorisation;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry shifted another drug for the same thereapeutic indication from category-I to category-II;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor;

(g) whether it is also a fact that a number of other instances of this nature have come to his notice; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY):

(a) The production of Streptomycin in 1988-89 was marginally lower than that of in 1987-88.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are given below:—

Name of company	A/c Unit	Production		
		1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
I.D.P.L.	MT	24·2	43·7	46·53
H.A.L.	„	89·25	113·15	108·30
Synbiotics	„	90·43	91·43	88·96
TOTAL :		203·88	248·32	243·79

(d) This Ministry has not received any such threats.

(e) to (h) Based on the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee Rifampicin has been shifted from the first schedule to the second schedule of DPCO, 1987 from 18-1-1989. Few representations have been received from the manufacturers regarding re-categorisation of drugs being manufactured by them. A Standing Committee has been constituted by this Department which will *inter alia* consider the said representations.

Bulk drugs included for compiling wholesale price index

678. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 613 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether any of the bulk drugs out of the 12 drugs on which wholesale price index is based have become obsolete;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry is monitoring the production of Sodium Salcylate, Quanine Sulphate, Amodiquin, Benzyl Procain, Penicillin, Streptomycin, INH and PAS Sodium;

(c) what was the production of each of these drugs during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that new and more patent drugs have been introduced in the country of same therapeutic indications of drugs based on which wholesale price index is being compiled;

(e) if so, what are the names of those drugs and the production of each during the last three years, year-wise; and

(f) what was the price of each under DPCO, 1979 and what is their present price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) (a) No, Sir.